

Claims

1. A container comprising a plastics film attached to the exterior thereof; the plastics film comprising a security marking formed on or attached thereto.
2. A container according to claim 1, wherein the security marking comprises a diffractive element.
3. A container according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the security marking comprises a repeating pattern.
4. A container according to claim 3, wherein the security marking comprises a repeating pattern, the repeat length of which is smaller than the dimension of the container about which it is applied.
5. A container according to any preceding claim, wherein the security marking is in the form of a strip.
6. A container according to claim 5 wherein the strip has a width in the range of 5 – 20mm.
7. A container according to any preceding claim wherein the strip is formed on a carrier sheet.
8. A container according to claim 7, wherein the carrier sheet is a plastics sheet.
9. A container according to claim 7, wherein the security markings comprises markings in a metallic layer on the carrier sheet.
10. A container according to claim 9, wherein the metallic layer is covered by a removable cover sheet.

11. A container according to claim 7, wherein the carrier sheet is secured to the film by a bonding process.
12. A container according to claim 11, wherein the bonding process is a cold melt adhesive process.
13. A container according to claim 9, wherein the metallic layer is sandwiched between the carrier sheet and the film.
14. A container according to any preceding claim, wherein the film is a transparent film.
15. A container according to claim 14, wherein the film is for holding a paper sleeve slid between an outer wall of the container and the film.
16. A container according to any preceding claim for housing a CD or DVD.
17. A method of applying a security marking to a container wherein the security marking is formed on or attached to a plastics film, the said film secured to the exterior of the container.
18. A method according to claim 17, wherein the security marking is formed on a strip, a length of which is secured to the film.
19. A method according to either claim 17 or 18, wherein the film is cut from a continuous length or roll of film before or as it is applied to the container.
20. A method according to any of claims 17, 18 or 19, wherein the security marking is applied to the film before or as the film is applied to the container.

21. A container substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and/or as shown in one or more of the accompanying drawings.
22. A method of applying a security marking to a container substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.